CALIFORNIA
TECHNICAL FORUM

Agenda & Notes

California TF Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
June 21, 2022
Location: Teleconference Only
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Agenda
- Leveraging the eTRM for Custom Projects: eTRM Capabilities and Benefits
  - Continued discussion on how existing eTRM tools/processes can be used to standardize and streamline custom projects (Arlis)
  - Next steps (Annette)

Meeting Materials
- MEMO: Leveraging the eTRM for Custom Projects
  - Custom eTRM Memo_FINAL2_2022-05-18.pdf
- Presentation
  - Cal TF_PAC Meeting_2022-06-21.pdf

Attendees

Cal TF Staff:
- Annette Beitel
- Ayad Al-Shaikh
- Arlis Reynolds

PAC Members and Guests:
- Alok Singh, SCE
- Amy Reardon, CPUC
- Armen Saiyan, LADWP
- Don Gilligan, NAESCO
- Greg Wikler, CEDMC
- John Zwick, SDG&E
- Joshua Rasin, SMUD
- Martha Garcia, SCG
- Peter Miller, NRDC
- Ryan Cho, SCE
- Scott Fable, PG&E
- Will Vicent, CEE

Meeting Notes

Leveraging the eTRM for Custom Projects

Annette re-introduced the concept and motivations for exploring options to leverage the eTRM to support custom measures and programs, and the three-part discussion with PAC. The first meeting introduced the concept, this meeting examines specific eTRM capabilities and custom improvement opportunities, and a future meeting will discuss an implementation roadmap.

Arlis presented the slides (see meeting materials) that examine benefits of specific, existing eTRM capabilities for four aspects of the custom programs: 1) developing custom measures, 2) developing custom project submittals, 3) conducting pre and post technical reviews, and 4) claims and reporting. For each aspect, Cal TF Staff described the current challenges and potential improvements, including specific associated benefits (cost savings, time savings, customer experience, standardization, transparency, and stakeholder engagement).

PAC discussion followed the presentation. The following list summarizes comments and discussion points:
- Don asked about perspectives of other implementers; wants to ensure buy-in among implementers
    - Cal TF staff have had some initial conversations with implementers with general positive feedback; shared with CEDMC custom working group
- Greg expressed desire to improve timing and improve standardization
- John noted that not everyone is looking for ways to improve timing; that projects continue to evolve to accommodate policy; asked whether POUs have the same level of policy requirements
- Armen noted the are few POU regulatory requirements, but since evaluators are the same for IOUs and POUs, they apply similar methods and eligibility review.
- Scott interested in ways to move this work forward; PG&E prepared to engage in semi-deemed measures, noting it will take more time for more nuanced custom measures; asked about potential to use eTRM for CMPA
    - Cal TF Staff have looked at business and functional requirements the CPUC team developed for CMPA improvements and believe the eTRM existing capabilities address most requirements; a good opportunity
- Ryan asked what work has already been done for the POUs
    - Cal TF Staff will share a memo with initial exploration of eTRM options for POU custom measures.
- Martha confirmed agreement with a phased approach and first focus on hybrid measures

Annette described next steps for Cal TF Staff and the PAC (see below) and invited PAC members to contact Cal TF staff directly with additional comments, questions, etc. ahead of the next meeting.

<u>Next Steps</u>

Three parallel paths:
1) ongoing stakeholder input from key stakeholders, including the following roadmap discussion with PAC and engaging TF members
2) engineering teams to identify, review, standardize custom measures and tools
3) eTRM updates to accommodate custom measures and tools

Additional PAC meeting to discuss the "Roadmap" for leverage the eTRM for Custom.

Cal TF Staff could not find a date in July suitable for the majority of PAC members and is working on scheduling this PAC meeting for August 2022.